# CHULA VISTA MAYOR’S OFFICE NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FROM 11TH GRADERS FOR CITIZENS’ YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

*Deadline for applications is Wednesday, January 22 by 5p.m.*

CHULA VISTA, Calif. (Jan. 13, 2014) -- The city of Chula Vista Mayor’s office is currently accepting applications for the inaugural Citizens’ Youth Leadership Academy (CYLA).  Mayor Cheryl Cox proposed the youth academy concept to expose high school Juniors to the work of city employees in an effort to advance students’ understanding of the necessary training and education needed for jobs in public service and other sectors as they make plans for their senior year, graduation, career training and college.

The series of six evening sessions will provide students with an inside look at city programs, services and policies, coupled with direct access to city leaders and frontline staff. In addition, students will experience tours of city facilities, including a citywide bus tour of Chula Vista’s major projects led by Mayor Cox. Sessions include police and fire safety, conservation, city finance, planning, recreation, road improvements and library services.

**CYLA is open to 11th grade students who are Chula Vista residents or attend high schools in Chula Vista.**  The academy will be held on Wednesday evenings, February 12 through March 19, 2014 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with one Saturday morning bus tour. Students will receive 20 hours of community service credit after successfully completing the program.

To be considered, one letter of recommendation from a teacher, school counselor or school administrator must be submitted along with a completed application.  The application and letter of recommendation must be submitted by 5 p.m., Wednesday, January 22, 2014.  To apply for CYLA and for further information, visit [www.chulavistaca.gov/goto/cyla](http://www.chulavistaca.gov/goto/cyla).

Walmart has generously underwritten this academy. For questions, please contact Jennifer Quijano in the Mayor’s office at [jquijano@chulavistaca.gov](mailto:jquijano@chulavistaca.gov) or at (619) 409-5812.

CYLA is a continuation of Mayor Cox’s Graduation Works initiative to encourage high school graduation and career preparedness for Chula Vista students.